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Scusset Beach State Reservation

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Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/scusset-beach-state-reservation.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Creature Feature 3:00pm – 4:30pm Evening Beach Ramble 6:00pm – 7:00pm Beach Night Hike 8:00pm – 9:15pm
2 Cape Cod Canal: A Modern Marvel 10:00am – 10:45am Creature Feature 1:00pm – 2:00pm Beach Exploration: Beach Geology 3:00pm – 4:00pm	3	4	5 Kidleidoscope 10:00am – 10:45am Nature Center Open House 1:00pm – 2:30pm	6 Sagamore Hill Hike 10:00am – 11:00am Wrack Line Discovery: Trash or Treasure? 3:00pm – 4:00pm	7 Secrets of the Sand 10:00am – 11:00am Beachcomber Scavenger Hunt 2:00pm – 3:00pm	8 Creature Feature 3:00pm – 4:30pm Evening Beach Ramble 6:00pm – 7:00pm Beach Night Hike 8:00pm – 9:15pm
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Program Descriptions

Things to Know Before You Go!

- All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.
- Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack.
- Rain cancels most programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 888-0859.
- Daily parking fee is \$14 MA Vehicle, \$22 non-MA Vehicle. Vehicle fee is collected from 8AM to 6PM.
- Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html>. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Parks Pass for \$10 at the Park Headquarters.

Sagamore Hill Hike

The hill overlooking Scusset Marsh has a rich history from Indian Council grounds to a golf course to a World War II gun battery. Explore the rich cultural & natural history of this area on this 1.1-mile roundtrip walk. The view from the top of the hill includes a breath-taking vista of Cape Cod Bay. **Meet at the Scusset Fish Pier parking lot; in front of the kiosk which is in front of the main building there.** For all ages who can hike 1.1 miles including a short but steep incline. Rain cancels.

Cape Cod Canal: A Modern Marvel

For 100 years, the canal has been an important part of Massachusetts living. More than 20,000 ships pass through it every year and more than 3 million people from all over the area visit the canal for recreational fun - including biking, hiking, and fishing. It is also an important part of naval engineering history and is a true feat of 20th century engineering. It is the widest sea-level canal without locks in the world. Come along for a stroll along Cape Cod Canal to learn more about its fascinating history. **Meet at the Fish Pier parking lot; in front of the kiosk which is in front of the main building there.** For adults and older children. Rain cancels.

Beach Exploration	People of all ages will enjoy this opportunity to explore Scusset Beach with the Park Interpreter. Scusset Beach is part of a larger coastal ecosystem that includes not only the beach but also the dunes area, a nearby salt marsh, the Cape Cod Canal, and the waters of Cape Cod Bay. Come explore the different zones that make up a sandy beach environment. We will also see how the coastal plants and animals interact together as a system. Each week, we will focus on a different topic, so join us for some fun at the beach! All ages welcome. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.
Beach Night Hike	Have you ever explored the beach at night? What happens when the sun goes down and the stars come out? Find out on this great hike along Scusset Beach in the dark. Flashlights are not allowed! Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. There is no parking fee for this program due to the timing. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Creature Feature	Learn all about creatures that live at Scusset Beach. We will have bones, shells, furs and more for a hands-on demonstration. Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Irish Music Campfire	Share a campfire with your fellow campers while enjoying some live Irish music! This is an open session, so feel free to bring along your instrument and join in. Meet at campfire circle in the Campground. There is no parking fee for this program due to the timing. Rain cancels.
Secrets of the Sand	Ever wonder why the beach looks different every time you visit? If so join us for a beach walk to see how the ocean continues to shape and change it and consider the power of the ocean! Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Tidal Flats Foray	Get your feet wet as you explore the abundance and diversity of life in an intertidal zone. Wear footwear (required) that will get wet. All ages welcome. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.
Beachcomber Scavenger Hunt	Search for common seashore objects and discover the lore and history behind your found items. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach Boardwalk. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Wrack Line Discovery: Trash or Treasure?	Ever stumble upon marine debris while on your hunt for shells? Is it all trash? Does it tell a story? How long will it remain? Let's walk the high tide line, also called the wrack line, to see what can be found. Meet at the end of the boardwalk on the main beach. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Kidleidoscope	A program especially for pre-school children (ages 3-6) and an adult caregiver to partake in together. We will cover a different nature theme each week by exploring the world around us through hands-on specimens, creating a fun craft to take home with you, and listening to a story that relates to the day's theme. For children ages 3-6 with an adult. Meet at the Nature Center. Rain or shine.

Nature Center Open House	Come and visit the Scusset Beach Nature Center located in the Campground. Take a look at all of the new displays, borrow a book or chat with the interpreter Emily about the natural and cultural history of the area. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.
Discovery Packs	<p>Would you like to try your hand at being your own explorer? You can check out Discovery Packs from the Nature Center at Scusset Beach. These backpacks are full of cool items that you can use to discover the world around you while staying at the Park. The following Discovery Packs are available to borrow: Birding, Nature Discovery, Insects, and Young Explorers. Please call ahead to reserve your Discovery Pack.</p> <p>Discovery Packs can be borrowed Wednesday through Sunday (with some exceptions, please call ahead to reserve). For more information, call the Park Interpreter Emily at (508) 888-0859.</p>